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ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual growth rate of labour vis-vis employment during each of the last three years;

(b) whether inspite of more than 5% annual growth in the gross domestic product during the Ninth Five Year Plan, the annual growth rate of new job opportunities in the country has been dismal;

(c) if not, the year-wise growth rate in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have found out the annual growth rate of new job opportunities in Agriculture, Industry and other service sectors;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the extent to which the above rate is higher or lower in comparison to the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

g) the fresh initiatives taken to increase the annual growth rate of employment during Tenth Plan, particularly for the coming two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a) to c) Assessment of employment, unemployment and Labour Force is made through the National Sample Surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). As per the surveys carried out during 1983, 1993-94 and 1999-2000, the annual growth rate of the labour force which was of the order of 2.05% during 1983-1994 has gone down to 1.03% during 1994-2000. Similarly, annual growth rate of employment has also gone down from 2.04% during 1983-94 to 0.98% during 1994-2000.

d) to f) Annual growth rate of employment opportunities in Agriculture and Industry are given below:

Period	Annual growth rate of Employment (%)		
	Agriculture	Industry	Total
1983-94	1.51	2.14	2.04
1994-2000	-0.34	2.05	0.98

g) The Tenth Plan will focus on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it will be one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of the 10th Plan would lay emphasis on the rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.